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Dear Ellen Wheatley:

Cari Nelson
Council Member

This letter describes how the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation CCDF program plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

Dr. Joseph Giovannetti
Council Member

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

Scott D. Sullivan
Council Member

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- The lead agency has not yet determined or finalized how we plan to spend of our allocated CRRSA funds prior to February 25, 2021, we maybe requesting technical assistance. The anticipated date that we will submit our plan for Direct Services/ Subsidies is April 16, 2021.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

The lead agency plans to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by providing:

- Virtual training incentives regarding disinfection and disease control
- Providing PPE materials; face masks, disinfectant cleaner, toy/supply counter top sanitizing machine

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3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation does plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector and to assist child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency. We anticipate assisting with:

- The increase cost associated with purchasing PPE.
- The loss of revenue when children or the provider has to quarantine due to COVID-19.
- The increased expense in providing tutors to assist children who are required to attend school virtually.
- The increased cost for higher internet speed due to the number of individuals required to use the internet at the same time.
- The cost of necessary electronics and accessories necessary to assist children attending school virtually.
- The cost of providing outdoor activities while adhering to the social distancing guidelines.
- The cost of outdoor and indoor sanitizing stations that will accommodate multiple children in daycare centers and family daycare homes.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation recognizes that this section is a requirement and are prepared to partner with providers that are not currently participating in the subsidy system prior o the pandemic by:

- The cost of providing outdoor activities while adhering to the social distancing guidelines.
- The cost of outdoor and indoor sanitizing stations that will accommodate multiple children in daycare centers and family daycare homes.
- Providing protective equipment necessary to keep child care available.
- Provide mini-grants for necessary modifications that allow for safe child care during the pandemic.

Sincerely,

/s/

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